

**TOWN OF MORRISTOWN**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 8, 2009**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Dave Benefiel called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Bill White moved to approve minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

A. To complete the flag pole project before Derby Days the Council decided best for the Town to do rather than the Scouts. Council member White will talk with Richard Kesar about doing. Deputy Trittipo to tell Scouts of this decision.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. No report.

**IV. CLERK TREASURER**

- A. Last payment on sewer jet has been made. The MVH money appropriated will go to the Police car.
- B. Not all Badger Meters are installed. Most of the remaining meters are covered or not accessible. Badger meters need to be installed to provide a more accurate reading on these meters.
- C. Clerk Treasurer Tom Reber will be meeting with Tom Smith on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1PM concerning new credit card machine.
- D. Reber would like to put KEYSTONE billing software at a read only basis on Town Secretary Elaine Carlton's computer. This would provide her a way to look up residents' accurate billing statement when they come in and make their payment with her. Reber does not believe it will cost anything, but will speak to KEYSTONE about this.
- E. The Budget deadline has been pushed back to September.
- F. Gas bills are very high at Dodd's Hall. Marshall Henry Albrecht will talk with Fire Chief Davis to see where usage can be limited.
- G. A street sweeper rental for one week will cost \$2,800. Richard Kesar has found one that can be purchased for \$3,200. Reber is checking to see how much insurance is annually. Machine is a 1990 and has 7,894 miles on it. Richard Kesar will go to Best Equipment to look over. Council member White moved to approve purchase of sweeper after Kesar looks it over. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- H. Extra toters are needed for Derby Days. Town Secretary Carlton will email CGS.
- I. Clerk Treasurer Reber is down to 16 License Branch checks and is not sure if more should be ordered at the present time while decisions are being made. Several counter checks can be used in the meantime. Approval to transfer money from Racino fund to

License Branch fund is needed to pay bills and wages. Council member White moved to approve. President Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

- J. Reber suggested a Thank You letter to be sent to Doty Graphics for their great job on the police car and fire truck and for donating all labor expenses. Reber will take care of letter.
- K. Payment # 3 to Mitchell & Stark for \$302,456.80 needs approved for payment. Council member White moved to approve. President Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Retainage Escrow for Payment # 3 is at \$33,606.32.

V. POLICE

- A. Homeland Security Grant has ~~been awarded~~ <sup>applied</sup> for \$3,679.85 for the purchase of a new 800 Radio. We will need to pay for the equipment, but will be reimbursed 15 to 30 days later. Out of pocket costs include \$168 for warranty and \$100 for programming. This will need to be paid mid August. Reber reported Racino funds will need to be used for this. Council member White moved to approve. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. Marshall Albrecht reported some burglaries have taken place outside of Town, at the WasteWater Plant construction site, and Morristown Grain Co. He asked that anything suspicious seen to be reported.
- C. The new car will be taken tomorrow on Albrecht's own time for adjustment to equipment.
- D. Deputy Trittip's car is in the shop for work on the headlights, fix a tire, and the battery is dead.

VI. LEGAL

- A. Golf Cart Ordinance was presented by Town Attorney Jennifer Messer. Much discussion was held on whether the Town would like to add to the State's requirements. Town Council adjustments include using carts from Sunrise to Sunset. No need to issue of a Town issued permit to operate. No more than occupants per factory installed seat. Council member White moved to approve with corrections. Council member Justus 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- B. Town Attorney Messer reported that Libby Manshift has stated that any advertisement must first be approved by the State. Two marketing companies were contacted for estimates. One company is not interested in our business due to such small account we would offer. The other company has given an estimate total of \$18,000. Charles Kile offered to give marketing company contact to Town Attorney Messer to call for a different estimate. Suggestion was made for License Branch to close Wednesday and instead operate on Monday. If this is decided Town Attorney Messer will contact State to change our hours of operation on the State website. It was also suggested that the License Branch could do their own advertisement. Debbie Yates, License Branch

Manager, will contact other partial branches to see if our wages and expenses are similar to theirs.

C. The letter for Randy Reed needs signing. Update on the Bowling Alley.

D. The Kile/Longwell property easement has not been filed, but will be properly filed with Recorder's Office.

VII. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS

A. Mowing letters have been mailed, but mowing has not been completed. Town Attorney advised for the Town to go ahead and mow property and attach a cost. If it is not paid then it can be assessed to property owner's taxes.

B. The Planning Commission has increased permit pricing. It is fine if Town decreases it. No notice needs publishing.

C. Retaining water at the Ridglands are attracting mosquitoes.

D. Hydrants will soon be flushed. A notice will be published in the paper of dates. A publish will also need to run for the street sweeper operating dates.

E. There are pot holes on Morrison St.

F. Gary Ruston with M.D. Wessler reported that IDEM application needs modification. This is due 6 months prior to the startup.

G. Construction at new plant is going well.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member White moved to adjourn meeting. President Benefiel 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

David L. Benefiel  
President

Thomas W. Reber  
Clerk Treasurer